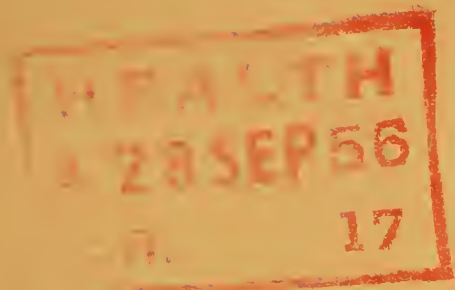


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1955

M.F. McDONNELL, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

by

M.F. McDONNELL, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

(Medical Officer of Health).

To the Chairman and Members of the
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1955 upon the public health circumstances of the Rural District of Strood.

POPULATION. There was an increase of 760 in the Registrar General's estimate from 21,430 in 1954 to 22,190 for the present year.

BIRTH RATE. The Birth rate per thousand of the population shows a decrease - 15.09 for the present year compared with 16.4 for the previous year.

The still-birth rate for 1955 was 20.8.

GENERAL DEATH RATE. The death rate for 1955 was 9.19 per thousand of the population. The 1954 rate was 8.2. The total number of deaths in the district during 1955 was 204 as compared with 177 in 1954.

NATURAL INCREASE OF THE POPULATION. The number of births in 1955 exceeded the deaths by 131; in 1954 this figure was 175.

INFANT MORTALITY. The death rate for infants under one year of age was 23.89 and the rate for 1954 was 25.5. The number of such infants dying in the district during 1955 was 8 and in 1954, 9.

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA. These services are administered by the Kent County Council, and following my usual practice I have included a summary of the local services available on pages 8 to 21.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. A tabulated statement showing the incidence of notifiable diseases is included in the report. In practically all instances the cases were higher in 1955 than 1954 and for the ninth successive year no diphtheria occurred in the district.

Extracts from the Council's tuberculosis records are also included. Strood's death rate for this disease during the year was 0.13 per thousand of the population. The number of deaths occurring during the year was 3. These figures are most impressive; Strood's rate is well below the national level.

CANCER AND SMOKING. Much publicity has recently been given to the connection between deaths from Cancer of the Lung and cigarette smoking.

During 1955 11 people, all males, died from this cause. This compares with 1 in 1954 and 4 in 1953.

4 were between 50 and 60.
5 " " 60 and 70.
2 " over 70.

I have been able to investigate the smoking habits of 10 of these people:- 9 smoked cigarettes - 3 were heavy smokers (more than 20 per day), six made their "own" cigarettes and 1 was a pipe smoker.

They were residents of the following parishes:-

Cobham	1	Higham	2
Cuxton	1	Meopham	3
Halling	2	Shorne	1

In addition to the above, one medical practitioner reports two deaths from Cancer of the Lung in non-smokers in a neighbouring district. They had both spent many years with diesel engines; this raises an interesting point.

Your obedient Servant,

M.F. McDONNELL.

Medical Officer of Health.

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

1955

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" Mrs. E.G. Cooper.
" Mrs. P.M. Ingleton.
" Mrs. E.M. Mugeridge.
" Mrs. F.M. Robson.
" T.C. Bowles.
" C.V. Button.
" H. Gregory.
" C. Higgs, B.E.M., J.P.
" C.W.R. Hodges.
" J.D.J. Roberts.
" H.J. Topley.
" J.L. Wright.

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" T.C. Bowles.
" C.V. Button.
" J. FitzSimon.
" C.W.R. Hodges.
" H.J. Topley.
" K.L. Waller.

Members of No.5. Area Committee, National Health Services

Councillor Mrs. E.G. Cooper. Councillor T.C. Bowles.

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Vice-Chairman of the District Council C. Higgs, B.E.M., J.P.

Clerk:

Mr. A.E. Stroud.

Solicitors:

Messrs. Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade.

Staff of the Public Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health: M.F. McDonnell, M.B., B.Ch.,
B.A.O., D.P.H.

Senior Sanitary Inspector: G. Wilson, Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector: D.W. Horncastle, Cert.R.S.I.,
M.S.I.A.

Rodent Officer: L.J. Dixon.

Clerk: K. Merry.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF AREA

VITAL STATISTICS

	1955
Area of District.....	48,541 acres
Estimated Mid-year Resident Population.....	22,190
Number of inhabited houses.....	6,883
Rateable value at 1st April, 1956.....	£650,323
1st April, 1955.....	£169,517
1st April, 1954.....	£161,830
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1956...	£1,392
1st April, 1955...	£688
1st April, 1954...	£665
Births.....	335
Birth rate.....	15.09
Deaths.....	204
Death rate.....	9.19
Infantile Mortality Rate.....	23.89

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT WHERE MORE THAN 20 PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

<u>Factory or Undertaking</u>	<u>Products</u>
Alpha Cement Works, Cliffe.	Cement.
Associated Portland Cement Mfrs., Frindsbury Extra.	Cement.
Rugby Portland Cement Works, Halling.	Cement.
Cellactite & British Uralite Ltd., Higham.	Asbestos Cement.
Atlas Stone Company, Shorne.	Artificial Stone.
British Basket & Besto Co.Ltd., Cuxton.	Basket making.
Medway Bldgs. & Supplies Limited, Frindsbury Extra.	Timber Buildings.
London & Rochester Trading Company, Frindsbury Extra.	Tarpauling and sails. Barge repairs.
Berry Wiggins & Co., Ltd., Hoo.	Oil refinery.
B.P. Refinery (Kent) Limited, Isle of Grain.	Oil refinery.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M	F
Tuberculosis, respiratory.....	3	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	1
Cancer - stomach.....	1	2
Cancer - lung bronchus.....	11	-
Cancer - breast.....	-	4
Cancer - uterus.....	-	1
Other cancers.....	6	9
Leukaemia aleukaemia.....	1	-
Diabetes.....	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	9	17
Heart disease, angina.....	14	11
Blood pressure with heart disease.....	4	-
Other heart disease.....	21	22
Other circulatory disease.....	1	3
Influenza.....	1	-
Pneumonia.....	4	3
Bronchitis.....	7	2
Other diseases of respiratory system.....	3	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	2	3
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea.....	-	1
Nephritis & nephrosis.....	1	2
Prostate disease.....	1	-
Congenital malformation.....	1	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases.....	14	6
Motor vehicle accidents.....	5	1
All other accidents.....	2	2
Suicide.....	1	-
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Analysis of Age Groups of Deaths occurring during 1955

PARISH	AGE GROUPS						
	0-10 years	10-20 years	20-40 years	40-60 years	60-70 years	70-80 years	80-100 years
Allhallows	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Cliffe	1	1	1	-	4	5	5
Cobham	1	1	1	2	6	5	8
Cooling	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	3	1	1	2
Frindsbury	1	-	1	3	6	2	10
Halling	-	-	1	7	7	11	3
Higham	2	1	-	5	1	7	3
High Halstow	-	-	1	-	2	3	1
Hoo	2	-	1	1	3	3	5
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	4	1	2
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Meopham	2	1	1	7	3	13	7
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorne	1	-	1	5	2	2	3
Stoke	-	-	-	2	-	-	1
TOTALS	10	4	8	38	40	53	51
Percentage of total deaths	4.90	1.96	3.93	18.62	19.60	25.99	25.00

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious
Diseases and other Diseases

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Diphtheria	Smallpox	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas	Tuber- culosis		Pneumonia	Meningitis	Puerperal Pyrexia	Food Poisoning	Poliomyelitis	Enteric Fever
							Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary						
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cliffe	-	-	7	34	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
Cobham	-	-	29	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frindsbury	-	-	44	23	1	-	3	1	3	-	-	1	-	-
Halling	-	-	64	-	-	1	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Higham	-	-	19	5	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
High Halstow	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hoo	-	-	29	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Isle of Grain	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luddesdown	-	-	17	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meopham	-	-	24	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorne	-	-	8	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Stoke	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	266	73	3	3	9	7	14	2	1	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on the Register
of Notifications of Tuberculosis for the year ended 31st
December, 1955:-

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary and Non- Pulmonary
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of Cases on Register at the commencement of year.	62	58	120	29	19	48	168
(b) No. of Cases notified under the regulations of 1912 for the first time.	5	5	10	4	2	6	16
(c) No. of Cases restored to Register.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other additions during the year.	3	6	9	1	2	3	12
(e) No. of Cases removed from Register during the year.	19	9	28	2	1	3	31
(f) No. of Cases remaining on Register at the end of the year.	51	60	111	32	22	54	165

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND
VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The following is a return of (a) the number of children resident in the Rural District who were immunised against diphtheria during the year 1955, (b) the number of children under the age of 15 years on the 31st December, 1955 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January 1941) and (c) the number of persons who were vaccinated against smallpox during the year ended 31st December 1955:-

	(a)	(a)	(b)
Year of Birth	Primary Inoculations	Re-inforcing Inoculations	
1955	32	-	32
1954	234	-	249
1953	28	-	263
1952	6	1	289
1951	6	4	292
1950	8	119	306
1949	8	36	238
1948	3	6	237
1947	2	6	214
1946	1	6	280
1945	-	3	124
1944	-	6	95
1943	1	-	84
1942	-	-	24
1941	1	-	21
	330	187	2748

Age at 31st December, 1955	Number vaccinated	Number re-vaccinated
Under 1	130	1
1 to 4	115	2
5 to 14	1	1
15 and over	8	13
TOTALS	254	17

MORTUARY AND BURIAL OF THE DEAD

The Mortuary is situated next to the Fire Station at St. Werburgh Crescent, Hoo.

During 1955 six bodies were received into the Mortuary.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Abstract from Annual Return 1955

<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilis.....	1	1	2
Gonorrhoea.....	4	4	8
Non-Venereal.....	13	8	21
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			31
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Total number of attendances..... 262

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except upon the recommendation of a doctor, hospital or midwife, and for the provision of a sitting-case car a certificate from a doctor is necessary.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed without delay either to the appropriate control centre, which in this area is the ambulance station at Star Mill Lane, Chatham, or in those parts of the county where control centres have not yet been established, to the nearest manned fire station, and it is then the responsibility of the staff there to pass the call to the nearest manned ambulance station.

Ambulance stations in the area:-

	<u>Telephone No.</u>
Star Mill Lane, Chatham.	Gillingham 58201/2.
Harden Memorial Hall, Hall Road, Northfleet.	Gravesend 5257/8.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after the birth, to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS

Special outfits for use when premature babies are to be nursed at home or for their conveyance to hospital, are available free upon application by a doctor or midwife at the following addresses:-

District Hospital,	Pembury.
Sheppey General Hospital,	Minster, Sheppey.
Willesborough Hospital,	Nr. Ashford.
Royal Victoria Hospital,	Folkestone.
West Kent General Hospital,	Maidstone.

ANTE-NATAL and POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics. Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

Clinics for Strood Rural District -

Strood - K.C.C. Clinic, 13, Gun Lane, Strood.	Thursday mornings.
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Gravesend - Welfare Centre, Windmill Street.	Thursday afternoons.
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Gravesend - Whitehill, Kings Farm Estate.	Tuesday afternoons.
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Gravesend - 107, Rochester Road, Denton.	1st and 3rd Monday afternoons.
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TUBERCULOSIS, MINOR AILMENT CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS and VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS.

1. Tuberculosis -

13, New Road, Rochester	- <u>Monday morning 9-11 a.m.</u> Contacts.
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Telephone No. Chatham 2182.	<u>Tuesday morning 9.15 a.m.</u> Refills - Men.
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	<u>Tuesday afternoons 1.45 p.m.</u> (by appointment) Chest Clinic.
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	<u>Wednesday afternoon 2.30 p.m.</u> Refills - Women.
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Clinics - continued

Tuberculosis

- Thursday morning
10.15-11.15a.m. Men.
11.30-12.15p.m. Women....
(new patients).

Friday morning 9.15a.m.
(by appointment) Chest Clinic.

Wednesday, General Clinic.
Thursday morning. Refill
Clinic.

Saturday 9-11 a.m.
(children only).

Gravesend and North Kent
Hospital.

2. Minor Ailment

Strood House, Corporation
Street, Rochester.

- Every Friday afternoon.

K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane,
Strood.

Every Wednesday afternoon.

Welfare Centre, Windmill
Street, Gravesend.

Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday mornings 9-10 a.m.

Welfare Centre,
107, Rochester Road,
Denton, Gravesend.

Every Tuesday and Friday
morning 9-10 a.m.

Whitehill, Kings Farm Estate,
Gravesend.

Every Tuesday morning
9-10 a.m.

3. Permanent Dental

Strood House, Corporation
Street, Rochester.

- Every day.

Manor Road, Gravesend.

Every day, except Saturday.

West Kent House, Station
Road, Northfleet.

Every Monday and Tuesday.
Alternate Saturday mornings.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child Guidance,
118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham.

Clinics - continued

Ophthalmic

118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham.

- Every Monday - all day.
Every Friday morning.

Gravesend Hospital.

- Monday & Thursday after-
noons, Tuesday mornings.

Speech defects

118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham.

- Every Tuesday & Thursday
all day.

107, Rochester Road,
Gravesend.

- Every Tuesday.

5. Venereal Diseases

Rochester - 36, New Road.

- Men Mondays 1.30-4.30pm.
Thursdays 11am.-1pm.

Women Mondays 1.30-4.30pm.
Thursdays 11am.-1pm.

Gravesend - 22, Cobham Street.

- Men Tuesdays 11am.-1pm.
Saturdays 9-10am.

Women Tuesdays 1-2.15pm.
Saturdays 9-10am.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

These centres are open at the days and times set out for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Infant Foods, national dried milk and Ministry of Food vitamin products are issued at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

Centres for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	-	The Black Bull,	Tuesday afternoons.
Cobham	-	Meadow Room,	2nd & 4th Tuesday
		The Street.	afternoons.
Cuxton	-	Social Club &	
		Workingmens	2nd & 4th Thursday
		Institute, Bush Rd.	afternoons.

Child Welfare Centres - continued

Frindsbury Extra	- Workingmen's Institute, Wainscott.	1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday afternoons.
Isle of Grain	- Chapel School.	1st & 3rd Friday afternoons.
Halling	- The Institute, High Street.	1st, 3rd & 5th Friday afternoons.
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall.	2nd & 4th Friday afternoons.
Hoo	- Five Bells Inn.	Wednesday afternoon.
Meopham	- Village Hall.	1st & 3rd Thursday afternoons.
Shorne	- Village Hall.	2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons.
Stoke	- British Legion Hall.	2nd & 4th Friday afternoons.
Strood	- Gun Lane.	Tuesday afternoon 2-4 p.m. Friday morning 10-12 a.m.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

These officers are responsible for:-

1. Duties as Authorised Officers under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts and under the Mental Deficiency Acts.
2. Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the public and arranging for County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.
3. Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in:-
(a) arranging admission of old, handicapped and homeless persons to residential establishments other than in cases of sickness.

District Officers - continued

3. (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or a residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS:-

The following are main distribution centres adjacent to the Strood Rural District:-

Strood House, Corporation Street, Rochester.

Elm House, New Road, Chatham.

District Office, Arthur Street, Gravesend.

Welfare Foods are also issued from Child Welfare Centres referred to on pages 11 and 12.

District Officers and Assistants -

Rochester	Office:- 13, Gun Lane, Strood.	Telephone:- Strood 7451.
	Officer:- Mr.C.H.Hurdman, 4, City Way, Rochester.	Telephone:- Chatham 2681.
	Assistant Officer:- Mr.J.B.Knight, 60, Woodstock Rd., Strood.	Telephone:- Strood 78027
Gravesend	Office:- Arthur Street, Gravesend.	Telephone:- Gravesend 166
	Officer:- Mr.G.T.Jeffery, 357, Watling St., Dartford.	Telephone:- Dartford 3143.
	Assistant Officer:- Mr.W.G.M.Hastings, 59, Clarendon Gdns., St.Mary's Garden Est., Stone, Kent.	

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Local Office	5, Castle Hill, Rochester.
	Telephone:- Chatham 2237.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

All enquiries regarding this service should be addressed to the District Officer, see page 13. Assistant Mental Health Officers, Miss N.C. Ayers and Mr. F. Dutton, are attached to the District Offices and make domiciliary visits to give advice and information regarding the care of Mental Defectives.

Occupation Centres

Occupation Centres for mental defectives are established at:-

St. Luke's Hall,
King William Road,
Gillingham.

Anglo-Saxon Hall,
Berkeley Road,
Gravesend.

Hours of opening:- Ordinary school terms, Mondays to Fridays 10.0 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

A Home Teacher for Mental Defectives is also available in the area.

All enquiries regarding Occupation Centres and Home Teaching should be addressed to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

This free service of the County Council is to secure an adequate number of midwives are available for attending women in their own home, either as midwives or maternity nurses.

The names, addresses and telephone number of midwives are given below:-

Cooling)		
Cliffe	)	Mrs. F.L. Lee,	Telephone:-
Frindsbury	)	5, Irvine Terrace,	
Extra - Part	)	Cliffe.	Cliffe 223.
(Wainscott only))		

Cuxton	)	Mrs. I.G. Sheath,	Telephone:-
Halling	)	St. Clements,	
		Church Hill, Cuxton.	Strood 7503.

Domiciliary Midwifery Service - continued

Higham	)	Miss S.McGarvey,	Telephone:-
Frindsbury Extra -	)	6,Alexander Cotts.,	
Part - less Upnor	)	Higham.	Shorne 309.
and Wainscott.)		
Frindsbury Extra	)	Miss E.K.Wright,	Telephone:-
Part - Upnor.	)	22,Powlett Road,	
	)	Frindsbury.	Strood 7557.
Allhallows	)	Miss E.M. Gogerty,	Telephone:-
High Halstow	)	9,Marshland View,	
Isle of Grain	)	Lower Stoke.	Allhallows 298.
St. Mary Hoo)		
Stoke)		
Hoo	)	Miss M.A. Webb,	Telephone:-
	)	11,St.Werburgh Cres.,	
	)	Hoo.	Hoo 266.
Cobham	)	Miss E.M. Hudson,	Telephone:-
Luddesdown	)	1, Lawrence Drive,	
Shorne	)	Cobham.	Cobham 328.
Meopham	)	Miss Ash,	
(main part)	)	"Elmcroft",	
	)	Meopham Green,	
	)	Meopham.	
Meopham	)	Miss R.A. Ward,	Telephone:-
(Vigo Area)	)	1, Randall Hill,	Borough Green
	)	Wrotham.	350.
Reliefs for:-		Miss E.M. Gogerty,) Miss M.A.Webb.	
		Mrs. F.L. Lee,) Miss S.McGarvey.	
		Miss S. McGarvey,) Mrs. F.L.Lee,	
		Miss M.A.Webb,) Miss E.M. Gogerty.	
		Mrs. I.G.Sheath,) Miss E.Barry,	
		(Halling only).	3,Waghorn Road,
			Snodland.
			Telephone No:-
			Snodland 84121.

HOME NURSING SERVICE

This service, which is also free is to secure the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

The names and addresses of Home Nurses are given below. Where the nurse is on the telephone the number is also given.

Cooling)		
Cliffe	)	Mrs.F.L. Lee,	Telephone:-
Frindsbury	)	5, Irvine Terrace,	
Extra-part	)	Cliffe.	Cliffe 223.
(Wainscott only))		
Cuxton	)	Mrs.G.M.Boorman,	Telephone:-
		18,Wouldham Road,	
		Borstal,Rochester.	Chatham 45886.
Higham)		
Frindsbury Ex.	)	Miss S. McGarvey,	Telephone:-
Part-less Upnor	)	6, Alexander Cotts.,	
& Wainscott.	)	Higham.	Shorne 309.
Frindsbury Ex.	)	Miss K.R.Shorthouse,	Telephone:-
Upnor.	)	11,Goddington Road,	
		Strood.	Strood 7596.
Halling	)	Mrs. M.G.Skinner,	
		1,Montgomery Cotts.,	
		Upper Halling.	
Allhallows)		
High Halstow	)	Miss E.M. Gogerty,	Telephone:-
Isle of Grain	)	9,Marshland View,	
St.Mary Hoo	)	Lower Stoke.	Allhallows 298.
Stoke)		
Hoo	)	Miss M.A. Webb,	Telephone:-
		11,St.Werburgh Cres.,	
		Hoo.	Hoo 266.

Home Nursing Service - continued

Cobham	)	Miss E.M.Hudson,	Telephone:-
Luddesdown	)	1, Lawrence Drive,	
Shorne	)	Cobham.	Cobham 328.

Meopham (except	)	Miss Ash,	
Vigo area	)	"Elmcroft,	
		Meopham Green,	
		Meopham.	

Meopham (Vigo	)	Miss R.A.Ward,	Telephone:-
area	)	1, Randall Hill,	
		Wrotham.	Borough Green 350.

Reliefs for:-	Mrs.M.G.Skinner,	Miss E.Barry,
		3, Waghorn Road,
		Snodland,
		Telephone No:-
		Snodland 84121.

Miss E.M.Gogerty,	)	Miss M.A.Webb.
Mrs.F.L.Lee,	)	Miss S. McGarvey.
Miss S.McGarvey,	)	Mrs. F.L. Lee.
Miss M.A. Webb,	)	Miss E.M.Gogerty.

DOMESTIC HELP AND NIGHT ATTENDANCE SERVICE FOR OLD PEOPLE

This service is to provide domestic help for households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age.

The night attendance service is provided for old people who are suffering from illness in their own homes and who should not be left alone at night. The service would not normally be provided where relatives or friends are available but limited service may be provided to relieve relatives who are being deprived of sleep.

Householders are required to contribute towards the costs in accordance with their means.

Applications for help should be made to the Domestic Help Organiser, 13, Gun Lane, Strood (Miss Ratcliffe, Telephone No. Strood 7451).

HEALTH VISITORS

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

Health Visitors for the Strood Rural District -

Allhallows)		
Cliffe)		
Cooling	)	Mrs. I. Williams,	Telephone No:-
Frindsbury Extra	)	K.C.C. Clinic,	
High Halstow	)	Gun Lane,	Strood 7785.
Hoo	)	Strood.	
Isle of Grain)		
St. Mary Hoo)		
Stoke)		
Cobham)		
Cuxton	)	Miss M.G.F. White,	Telephone No:-
Halling	)	Child Welfare Centre,	
Luddesdown	)	Whitehill, Kings Farm	Gravesend 4795.
Meopham	)	Estate, Gravesend.	
Higham	)	Miss K. Lewis,	Telephone No:-
Shorne	)	107, Rochester Road,	
		Gravesend.	Gravesend 5966.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

All cases of infectious disease are admitted to:-

	<u>Telephone No:-</u>
River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford.	Dartford 3231.
St. William's Hospital, St. Williams Way, Rochester.	Chatham 3243.
Keycol Hospital, Sittingbourne.	Newington 222.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Facilities for immunisation, free of cost, are available at the following child welfare centres and at special immunisation clinics, and all Medical Practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme, which provides for free immunisation against Diphtheria. The child should normally have the first injection between the age of eight months and one year, and re-inforcing doses shortly before starting school,

Cliffe, The Black Bull	- 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays in the month 2-4 p.m.
Cobham, Meadow Room	- 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the month 2-4 p.m.
Cuxton, Social Centre, Bush Road	- 2nd Thursday in the month 2-4 p.m.
Frindsbury Extra Workingmens Institute, Wainscott.	- 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays in the month 2-4 p.m.
Halling, The Institute	- 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday in the month 2-4 p.m.
Higham, Village Memorial Hall	- 2nd & 4th Friday in the month 2-4 p.m.
Hoo, Five Bells Inn	- 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday in the month 2-4 p.m.
Isle of Grain, Chapel Rooms	- 1st & 3rd Friday in the month 2-4 p.m.
Meopham, Village Hall, Main Road	- 1st & 3rd Thursday in the month 2.30-4.30 p.m.
Shorne, Village Hall	- 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the month 2-4 p.m.
Stoke, British Legion Hut	- 2nd & 4th Fridays in the month 2-4 p.m.

Diphtheria Immunisation - continued

Supplies of A.P.T. and T.A.F. can be obtained from the Pathological Laboratory, County Hall, Maidstone (Maidstone 4321) or from the Council Offices, (Health Department), Frindsbury Hill, Strood (Strood 7622).

In addition to the welfare centres set out, the following regular immunisation clinics are held:-

Council Offices, Frindsbury Hill, Every Friday morning
Strood. 10-11 a.m.

K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood, 2nd Thursday in the
month 2-3.30 p.m.

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

Local Offices:-

Chatham Local Office,
240, High Street,
Rochester.

Gravesend Local Office,
"Ravenscourt",
Pelham Road,
Gravesend.

NURSING REQUISITES

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross and St. Johns Ambulance Brigade for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. The full range of nursing requisites will be available and details of addresses and times the depots are open for distribution are available from district offices. These arrangements will be in addition to the loan cupboards kept by the District Nurses. The depots deal with all applications for the loan of nursing requisites.

Medical Loan Depots -

Rochester - B.R.C.S. 67, High Street,
daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. by
appointment with Mrs.
Cronk, 4, Roebuck Road,
Rochester.

Telephone No.

Chatham 3540

Medical Loan Depots - continued

Telephone No.

Rochester - St. Jonns, 171, Maidstone
Road, daily (day & night) Chatham 3572.
Mr. E.H. Love.

Gravesend - B.R.C.S. Headquarters,
36, Pelham Road,
Gravesend.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Facilities for vaccination, free of direct cost, against Smallpox are available for infants at the following Child Welfare Clinics and all medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme.

Vaccine lymph can be obtained from the Pathological Laboratory, County Hall, Maidstone, by all medical practitioners carrying out vaccination under the Council's arrangements.

Cobham	- Meadow Room,	2nd & 4th Tuesday in the month 2-4 p.m.
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall,	2nd & 4th Friday in the month 2-4 p.m.
Meopham	- Village Hall, Main Road.	1st & 3rd Thursday in the Month 2.30-4.30p.m.
Shorne	- Village Hall,	2nd & 4th Thursday in the month 2-4p.m.
Special Clinics	Council Offices, Frindsbury Hill, Strood.	Every Friday morning 10-11 a.m. By appointment.
	K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	2nd Thursday in the month 2-3.30p.m.

WATER SUPPLIES

With the exception of Halling Parish which is supplied by the Mid Kent Water Company, The Higham and Hundred of Hoo Water Company were the statutory water undertakers for the area until the 1st April, 1956 when the newly formed Medway Water Board became responsible.

Bacteriological and Chemical examination of water supplies

Forty-nine bacteriological samples were taken during the year. These samples show, on examination, that the water supplies were of a high degree of purity.

Four chemical samples showed the water to be organically pure though hard.

PARISH	No. of Houses.	No. of Houses with indoor W/supply	No. of Houses with S/pipes	No. of Houses with Public W/supply	No. of Houses on Private Supply, Wells & Springs.
Allhallows	91	88	3	91	-
Cliffe	729	613	116	729	-
Cobnam	352	337	15	352	-
Cooling	57	56	1	57	-
Cuxton	294	282	12	293	1
Frindsbury	967	957	10	967	-
Halling	717	717	-	716	1
Higham	701	683	18	700	1
High Halstow	264	264	-	263	1
Hoo	802	791	11	800	2
Isle of Grain	257	250	7	257	-
Luddesdown	69	66	3	57	12
Meopham	911	905	6	904	7
St. Mary Hoo	72	67	5	68	4
Shorne	418	389	29	415	3
Stoke	182	132	50	177	5
TOTALS	6883	6597	286	6846	37
Percentage of Totals		95.85%	4.15%	99.46%	.54%

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection and Disposal of Domestic Refuse

Domestic refuse is collected weekly throughout the district and disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit in the Parish of Cuxton. The refuse tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation and during the summer period insecticides are applied to prevent the breeding of flies and crickets.

Cesspool and Pail Closet emptying

Cesspools are emptied upon request free of charge up to a maximum of four times per year except in those areas where the public sewer is provided.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo, Isle of Grain and Allhallows and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewers are provided for the drainage of premises in the parishes of Allhallows, Frindsbury Extra, Halling, Hoo, Grain, Higham and Shorne.

The effluent of the Allhallows and the Isle of Grain sewers empties into the River Thames and the others into the River Medway, after treatment.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

Drainage Facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer.	No. of Houses Draining to Cesspools, Septic Tanks, etc.	No. of Houses with no drainage
Allhallows	91	38	53	-
Cliffe	729	-	712	17
Cobham	352	-	352	-
Cooling	57	-	56	1
Cuxton	294	-	291	3
Frindsbury	967	682	275	10
Halling	717	610	107	-
Higham	701	409	272	20
High Halstow	264	145	116	3
Hoo	802	611	180	11
Isle of Grain	257	202	54	1
Luddesdown	69	16	53	-
Meopham	911	1	897	13
St. Mary Hoo	72	-	63	9
Shorne	418	89	328	1
Stoke	182	-	120	62
TOTALS	6883	2803	3929	151

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	91	74	14	3
Cliffe	729	630	85	14
Cobham	352	304	33	15
Cooling	57	37	12	8
Cuxton	294	272	22	-
Frindsbury	967	930	37	-
Halling	717	701	16	-
Higham	701	637	48	16
High Halstow	264	228	36	-
Hoo	802	726	76	-
Isle of Grain	257	229	27	1
Luddesdown	69	52	15	2
Meopham	911	871	40	-
St. Mary Hoo	72	39	33	-
Shorne	418	369	37	12
Stoke	182	90	90	2
TOTALS	6883	6189	621	73

HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 122 and by private enterprise 164 making a total of 286 new houses. I feel that the ultimate solution of the present housing problem, lies, not only in the provision of new houses, but also in the preservation of suitable houses which exist but which, owing to the effects of rent control, are unable to be preserved at a sufficient standard of repair and accommodation.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council Houses in the district, as at May, 1956.

Allhallows	31	High Halstow	8
Cliffe	47	Hoo	83
Cobham	30	Isle of Grain	11
Cooling	9	Luddesdown	3
Cuxton	16	Meopham	57
Frindsbury	160	St. Mary Hoo	-
Halling	48	Shorne	18
Higham	65	Stoke	30

ICE-CREAM

Sixty-nine premises are registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. There is no ice-cream manufactured on the district.

MILK DISTRIBUTION

There are 21 retailers and 4 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 10 dealers retailing milk in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

During the year 10 milk samples were taken, the results of the examination of the milk are shown on page 27.

	DESIGNATED MILK	ORDINARY MILK	HEAT TREATED
	Tuberculin Tested		
NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN DURING YEAR	4	-	6
(a)(i)Number of samples of designated milk found to conform to the standards prescribed in the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.....	3	-	5
(ii)Number of samples of designated milk found on examination to have failed to conform to the standards prescribed.....	1	-	1
(b)(i)Number of samples of ordinary milk found on examination to have been produced in a cleanly manner.....		NIL	-
(ii)Number of samples of ordinary milk found on examination to be unsatisfactory.....		NIL	-
(c)(i)Number of samples of milk examined for tubercle bacilli infection and yielding negative results.....		NIL	-
(ii)Number of samples of milk examined for tubercle bacilli infection and showing positive results.....		NIL	-
(d) Number of samples of heat treated milk found on examination to have been efficiently pasteurised.....			5

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

WEIGHTS & MEASURES DEPARTMENT

Details of Samples taken by the County Sampling
Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT
during the year ended 31st December, 1955

FOOD AND DRUG ACTS 1938-1950

Balsam of Aniseed.....	1	B/fd.....	22
Beef Sausages.....	2	Margarine.....	1
Boracic Powder B.P.....	1	Milk.....	44
Borax and Honey.....	1	Mincemeat.....	1
Bread and Butter.....	1	Mushroom soup.....	1
Bronchial Mixture.....	2	Orange Flavoured milk.....	1
Butter Toffees.....	2	Pea with smoked ham soup..	1
Calamine Lotion.....	1	Peppermints.....	1
Chocolate Sponge Pudding.....	1	Phensic.....	1
Coffee and Chicory Mixture...	1	Phosphate Compound.....	1
Double Cream.....	1	Pork Sausages.....	1
Dr. Cassell's Tablets.....	1	Pure Honey.....	1
Epsom Salts.....	1	Quick Batter Flour.....	1
Gin.....	1	Rum.....	3
Glycerine.....	1	Sweetened Full Cream	
Ice Cream.....	2	Condensed milk.....	1
Icing Sugar.....	1	Tea.....	3
Lemon Squash.....	1	Vapour Rub.....	1
		Whisky.....	2
C/Fwd	22	Total	87

SUMMARY

Milks.....	44
Drugs.....	12
Spirits.....	6
Other samples....	25
	87

All samples were genuine with the exception of the following:-

<u>Sample of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Milk	Adulterated.16.7% deficient in fat	Further samples taken.
Milk	Inferior. 3.3% deficient in fat	No further action necessary.
Milk	Inferior. 5% deficient in fat	Written caution issued.
Milk	Inferior. 6.7% deficient in fat	
Milk	Inferior. 6.7% deficient in fat	
Milk	Inferior. 6.7% deficient in fat	

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1955

To the Chairman and Members of the Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the work of the department for the year 1955.

The Housing Survey and inspection of unfit houses continued to occupy a large proportion of the work of the Department during the year and as a result of the survey the Council resolved that an estimated total of 216 houses would be dealt with in the five year period 31st August, 1955 to 31st August, 1960.

During the year the condition of 34 houses were reported to the Council with a view to Demolition or Closing Orders being made.

From the 31st March, 1955 extra duties were undertaken when the County Council delegated administration of the Sunday trading, early closing days and closing hours of the Shops Act 1950 to the District Council. Meat inspection also continued to take up a considerable proportion of time.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected.....	265
No. of other premises inspected.....	283
No. of re-inspections.....	164
No. of nuisances found.....	87
No. of nuisances abated.....	117
No. of informal notices served.....	33
No. of informal notices complied with.....	34
No. of statutory notices served.....	1
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	1
No. of inspections to caravans.....	107
No. of visits refuse disposal.....	3
No. of inquiries in cases of infectious diseases.	20
No. of visits re: disinfection.....	9
No. of houses disinfected.....	7
No. of water samples taken.....	51

Filthy or Verminous Premises

No. of houses inspected.....	8
No. of houses re-inspected.....	5

The following work was carried out following inspection.

EXTERNAL

Accumulation of refuse removed	2	Inspection covers repaired	1
Cesspool covers repaired	2	Pails replaced	1
Cesspools emptied	7	Permanent ventilation provided	1
Cesspools repaired	2	Roofs repaired	15
Chimney stacks repaired	3	Stopcocks repaired	1
Doors repaired	6	Water supply pipes repaired	2
Downspouts repaired	2	W.C. Apartments repaired	1
Drains cleared	6	W.C. Basins replaced	5
Drains reconstructed	2	W.C. Cisterns repaired	1
Drains repaired	7	W.C. Seats repaired	1
Dustbins provided	5	Window cills repaired	7
Gutters provided	1	Window frames repaired	12
Gutters repaired	4	Windows repaired	7
Infestations dealt with	2		

INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired	5	Sashcords provided	2
Cooking ranges repaired	1	Sink waste pipes repaired	2
Fireplaces repaired	2	Walls repaired	10
Floors repaired	3	Washing boilers repaired	2

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The District Council became a constituent member of the Thameside Advisory Committee for the Abatement of Atmospheric Pollution early in 1955 and instruments for the measurement of atmospheric pollution were sited in the Parishes of Frindsbury Extra, Cliffe and Halling.

Monthly readings of the degree of pollution are taken and the figures for the six months July to December are shown on page 32.

SITE OF GAUGES	RAIN IN INCHES	QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS PER SQ. MILE PER MONTH STANDARD DEPOSIT GAUGE			Mg. of Sulphur trioxide collected per day by 100 sq. cm. of batch A lead Peroxide.
		Total Water Insoluble Matter	Total Water Soluble Matter	Total Deposits	
Cliffe	0.36	8.35	4.69	13.04	0.56
	0.62	12.93	7.55	20.48	0.44
	2.41	19.99	16.66	36.65	1.04
	3.12	11.37	19.71	31.08	1.55
	0.43	6.00	7.82	13.82	1.11
	1.32	15.76	15.84	31.60	1.52
<u>Totals</u>	8.26	74.40	72.27	146.67	
Frindsbury Extra	0.24	12.66	4.77	17.43	0.43
	0.85	15.06	7.28	22.34	0.58
	2.09	17.18	15.10	32.28	0.89
	3.02	8.89	12.75	21.65	1.30
	0.69	11.93	12.08	24.01	1.28
	1.61	12.26	12.89	25.14	1.25
<u>Totals</u>	8.50	77.98	64.87	142.85	
Halling	0.33	19.46	7.90	27.36	0.39
	1.31	45.20	11.47	56.67	0.35
	2.44	49.41	15.81	65.22	0.43
	3.96	24.87	21.34	46.21	0.65
	0.80	21.23	12.14	33.37	0.80
	1.88	15.95	15.21	31.16	0.57
<u>Totals</u>	10.72	176.12	83.87	259.99	

HOUSING ACTS 1936 to 1954

Fourteen Demolition Orders and fourteen Closing Orders were made by the District Council during 1955. Twenty-two unfit houses were demolished by owners during the year.

No. of houses inspected.....	178
No. of houses re-inspected.....	341
No. of houses inspected for overcrowding.....	21
Miscellaneous housing visits.....	255

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Fifty-five factories and thirty-two other premises within the provisions of the Act were inspected during the year, a total of 92 visits being made. Informal action was taken to remedy defects and improve conditions in 3 cases.

Inspections were made to the premises of six outworkers during the year. These outworkers are engaged in the making of wearing apparel.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 217 shops in the area and during the year 422 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, general cleanliness, and under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing day and closing hours.

On the 1st July the District Council made an Order suspending the obligation to close shops on the early closing day during the summer period in the Parish of Allhallows.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

836 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale including visits to slaughterhouses.

130 visits were made to the two licensed slaughterhouses for the purpose of meat inspection. The table on page 34 gives the number of animals slaughtered and the percentage of diseased conditions.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	145	-	2	60	359	-
Number inspected	145	-	2	60	359	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u> Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	44	-	-	-	11	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	30%	-	-	-	3.06%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	15	-	-	-	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	10.3%	-	-	-	1.97%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Food Condemned

Food Shops

Minced Meat.	128-lbs.8-ozs.	Putrified.
Shoulder Ham.	9-lbs.3-ozs.	Putrified.
Lamb Tongue.	1-lb. 8-ozs.	Blown.
Cherries.	14-ozs.	Blown.
Beef.	72-lbs.	Putrified.
Corned Beef.	6-lbs.	Putrified.
Beef.	172-lbs.	Bone taint.
Mutton.	6-lbs.	Bone taint.

Slaughterhouses

4.	Bovine Livers.	Tuberculosis.
32.	Bovine Livers.	Distomatosis.
5.	Bovine Lungs.	Tuberculosis.
9.	Bovine Heads.	Tuberculosis.
7.	Bovine Tongues.	Tuberculosis.
5.	Pigs Heads.	Tuberculosis.
1.	Pigs Spleen.	Tuberculosis.
2.	Pigs Tongues.	Tuberculosis.
1 pr.	Pigs Lungs.	Tuberculosis.
1.	Pigs Liver.	Tuberculosis.
1.	Pigs Heart.	Tuberculosis.
365-lbs.	Beef.	Bruising.
2.	Bovine Tongues.	Actinomycosis.
2.	Bovine Heads.	Actinomycosis.
1.	Bovine Liver.	Necrosis.
1.	Side of Beef.	Bruising & Oedema.
3.	Bovine hindquarters.	Bruising & Oedema.
2.	Bovine Livers.	Abscesses.
1 pr.	Bovine Lungs.	Abscesses.
1 pr.	Bovine Lungs.	Parasites.
2.	Bovine Forequarters.	Abnormal odour.
1.	Bovine Head.	Abnormal odour.
1.	Bovine Tongue.	Abnormal odour.
1 pr.	Bovine Lungs.	Abnormal odour.
1 pr.	Pigs Kidneys.	Renal cysts.
2.	Pigs Livers.	Parasites.
1.	Pigs Heart.	Adhesions.
5 prs.	Pigs Lungs.	Pneumonia.
1.	Pigs Hind leg.	Tuberculosis.
1 pr.	Pigs Lungs.	Pleurisy &
	(Pleura &)	Peritonitis.
	(Peritoneum)	

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

2207 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of the 96 premises found to be infested the owners of 11 carried out disinfection themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remainder.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT 1928

Administration of this Act now occupies an appreciable amount of time as the number of installations licenced to store petroleum spirit is 85, at the end of July, 1956, and the number of premises licenced to store carbide of calcium is 25.

Your obedient Servant,

G. WILSON.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.